

Application Serial No. 09/820,564
Attorney's Docket No.: 10559-360001

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Initially, the indication that all claims are allowable other than rejections under section 112 is appreciatively noted.

Claims 1, 3-7, 10-13, 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. These claims are amended for definiteness, and in accordance with the Examiners insightful suggestions. Since each of the instances of indefiniteness has been obviated herein, all of the claims should hence be allowable.

A notice of allowance is hence respectfully requested.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any

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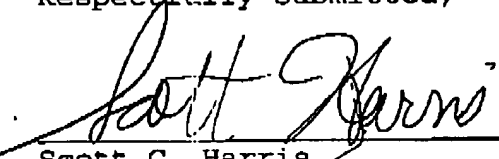
claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, therefore, all of the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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